

Storytime Crafts



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Welcome!

- Freelance educator, storyteller and musician
- Past youth consultant for CTLS (Connecting Texas Libraries Statewide)
- Available for library performances and workshops
- Crafter: ceramics, mosaics, papermaking, watercolor, metal sculpture, fused glass, encaustics...



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Agenda



- Why, what and how of arts and crafts in storytime
- Craft ideas
- Organizing and storing crafts
- Challenges and questions

Benefits of Art and Crafts

- Develops fine motor skills
- Provides an opportunity to create
- Boosts confidence
- Improves focus
- Can be soothing and relaxing



Benefits of Art and Crafts



- Library keepsake
- Allows visiting time for the parents

It is engaging and fun!



Basic Supplies

- Paper
- Paper plates
- Tissue paper
- Straws
- Popsicle sticks
- Chenille sticks
- Cotton balls
- Crayons, scissors, glue, and tape



Choosing Crafts



- Inexpensive
- Age appropriate
- Group considerations
- Facilities

It's all about the process not the product.



**“Every child is an artist.
The problem is how to
remain an artist once
we grow up”**

Pablo Picasso

Implementing Crafts



- Passive programming
- Do after storytime

Implementing Crafts

- Individual work stations



Implementing Crafts- Kits



Jennie Tobler-Gaston - Camp Lejeune Base Library, North Carolina

<https://www.pinterest.com/jennielaree/crafts-kids/>

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Implementing Crafts- Kits



- Youth volunteers prepare and assemble
- Label with sponsor information

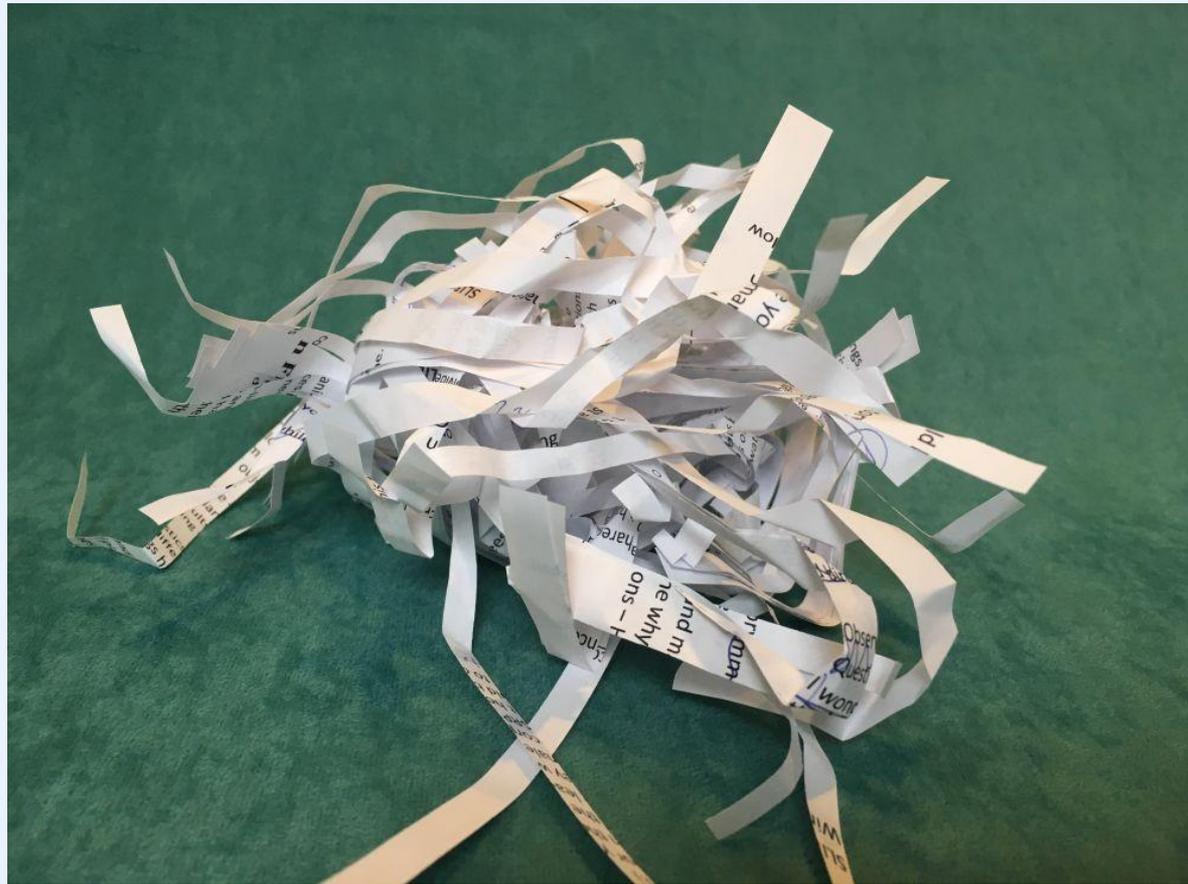
Schertz Public Library, Texas

Implementing Crafts

- Floor or table



Creative Challenge



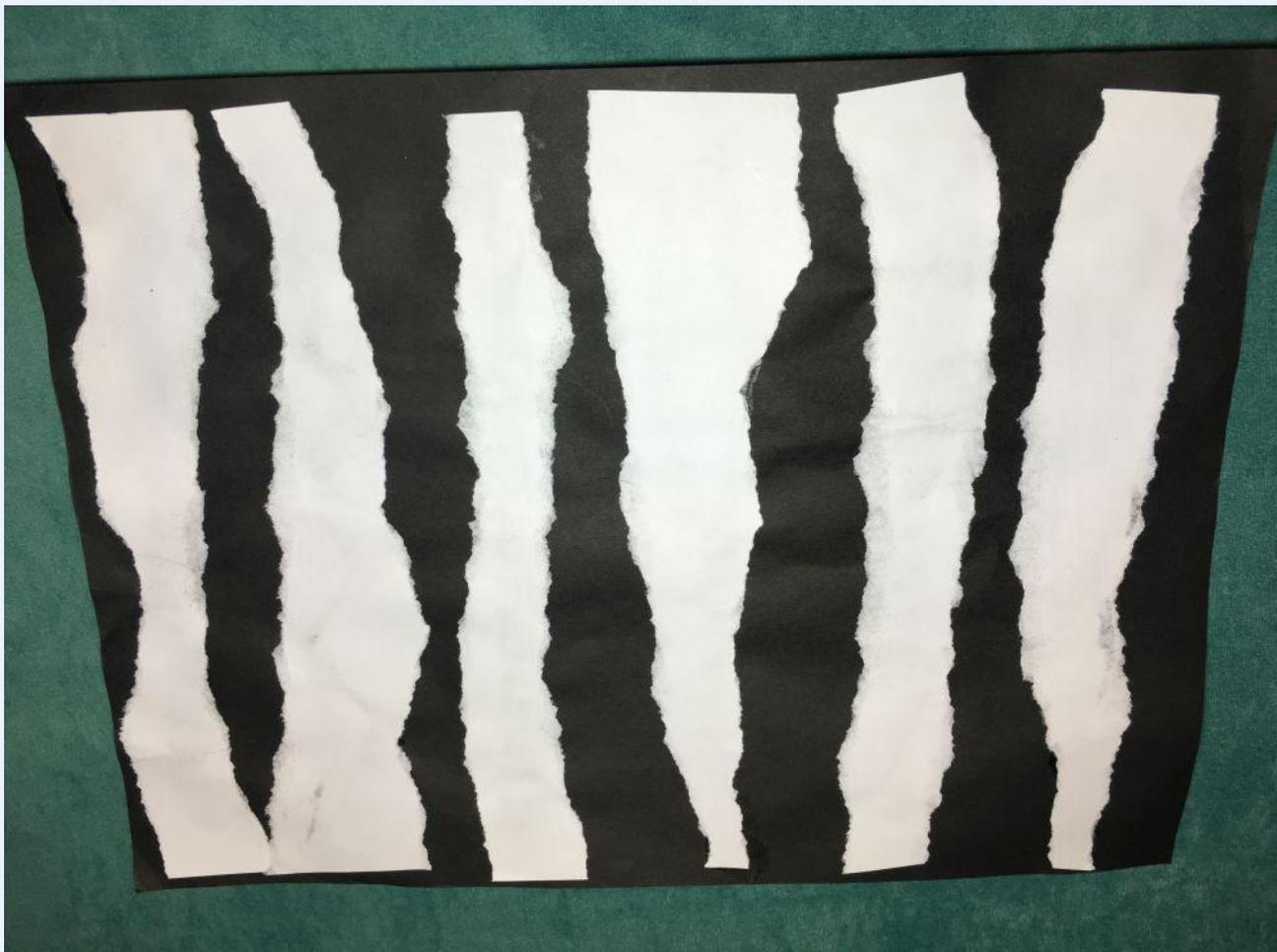
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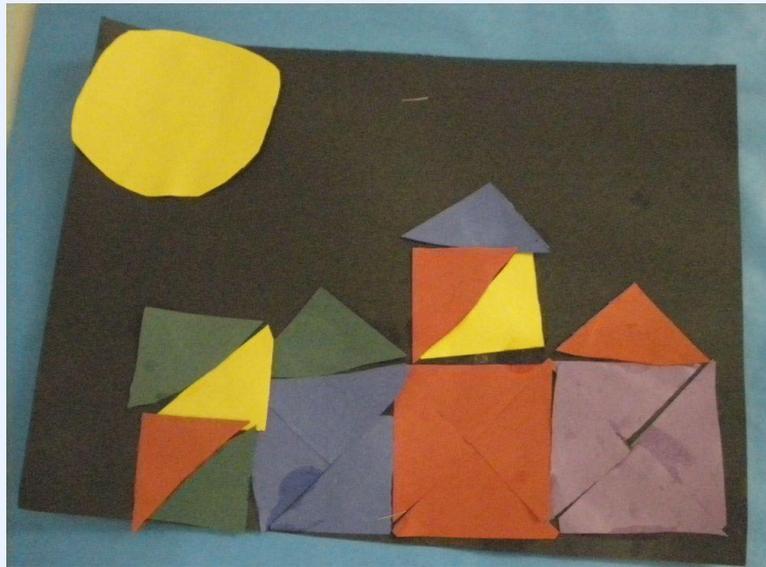
Torn Paper Crafts



Zebra Stripes



Paper Shapes



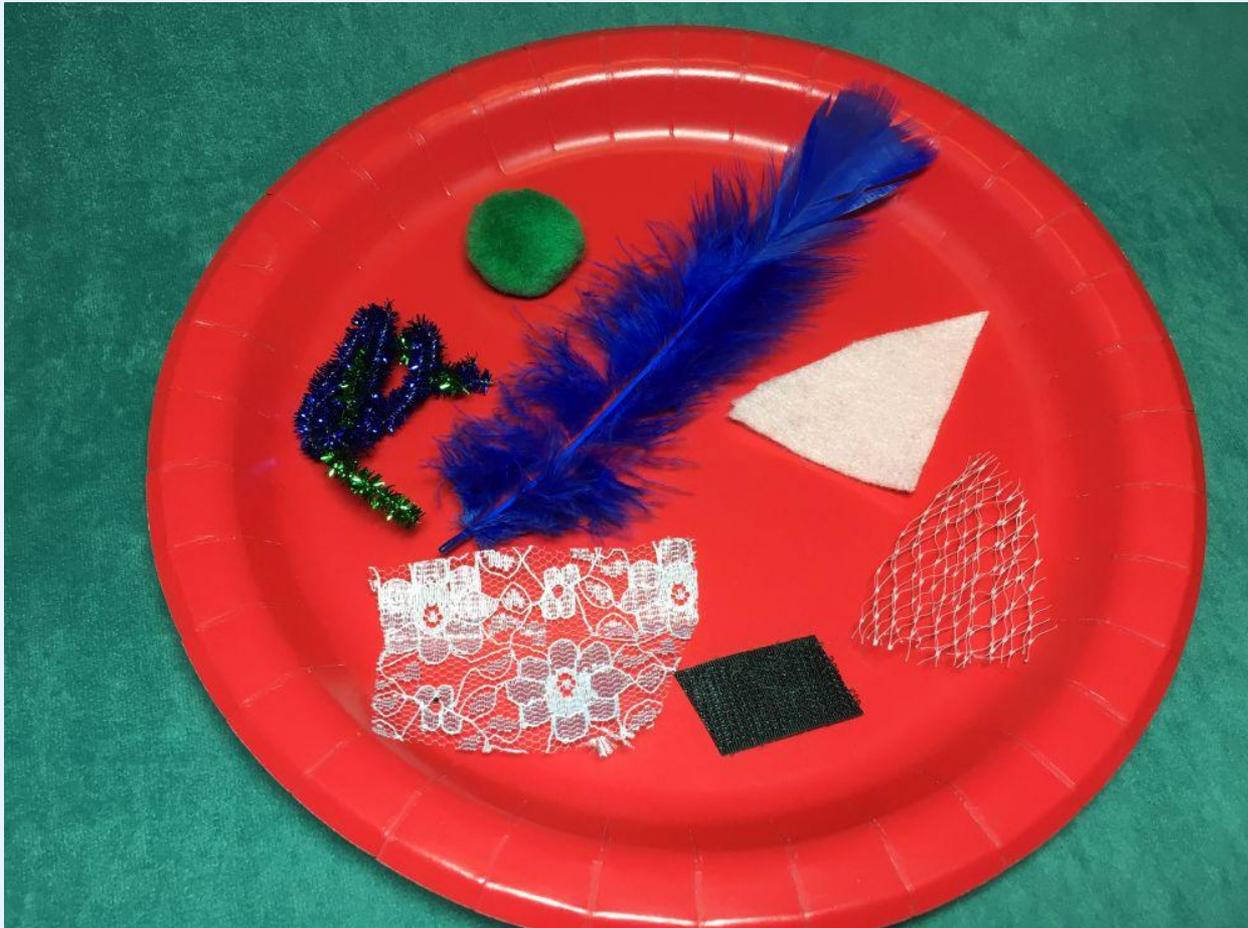
Paper Pizza



Filippa Genovese

Romeo District Library, Michigan

Sensory Collage



Paper Plate Bear



Nature Bracelet



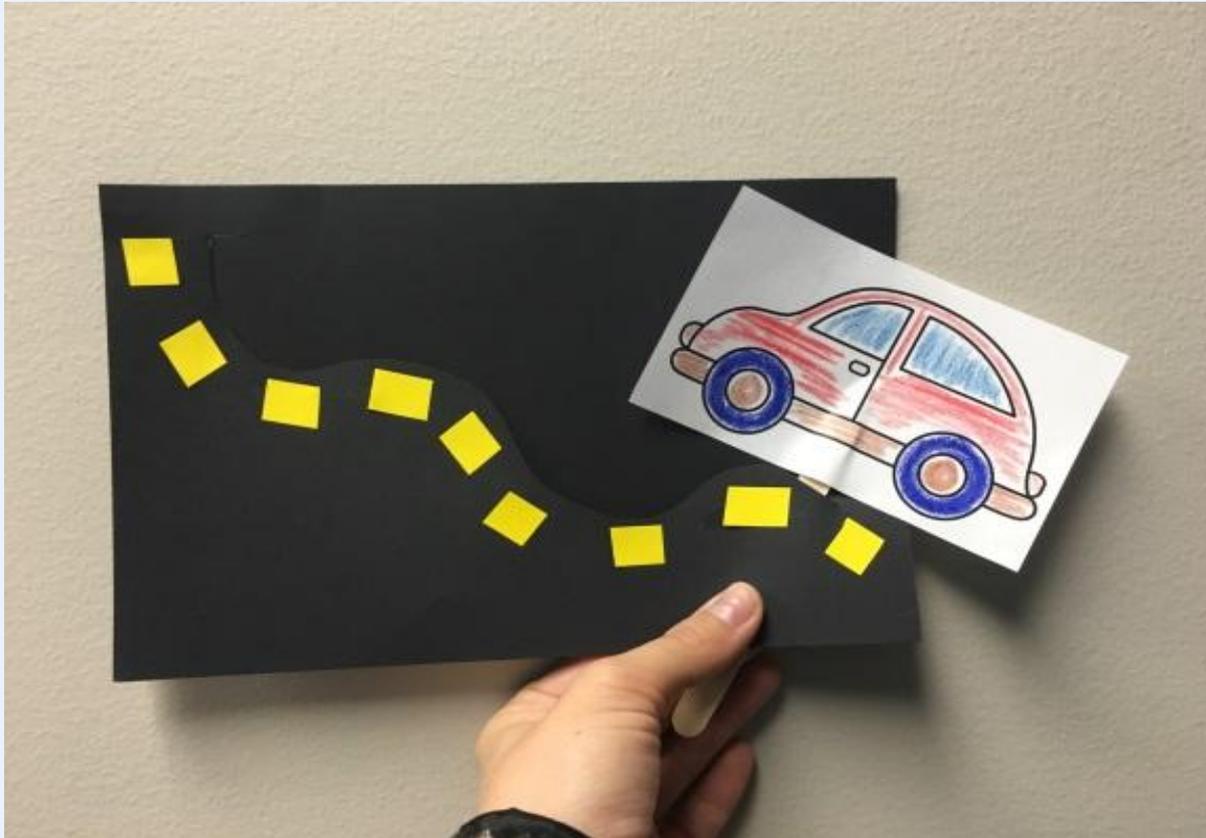
Tickle Stick



Chick

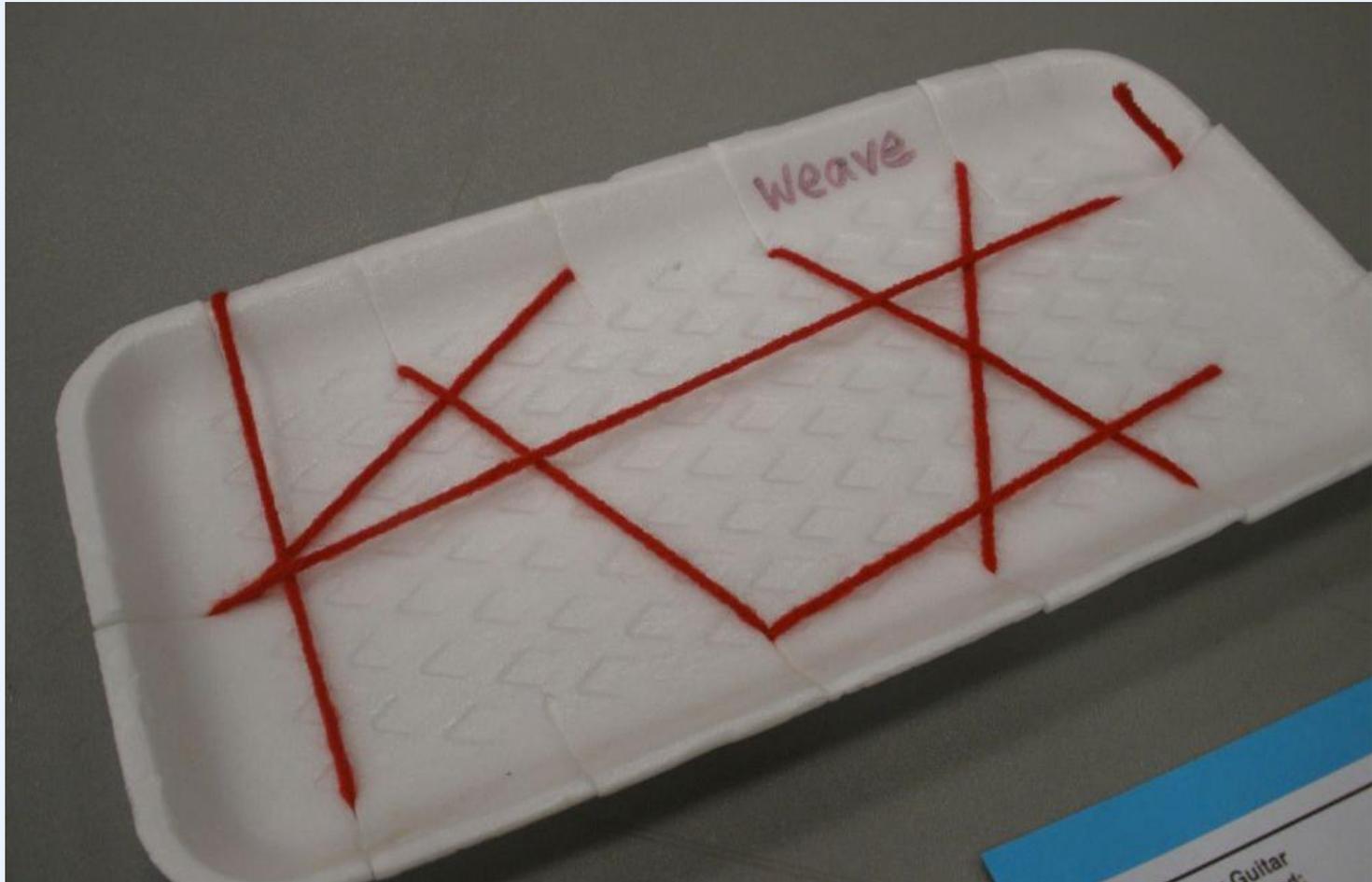


Car and Road



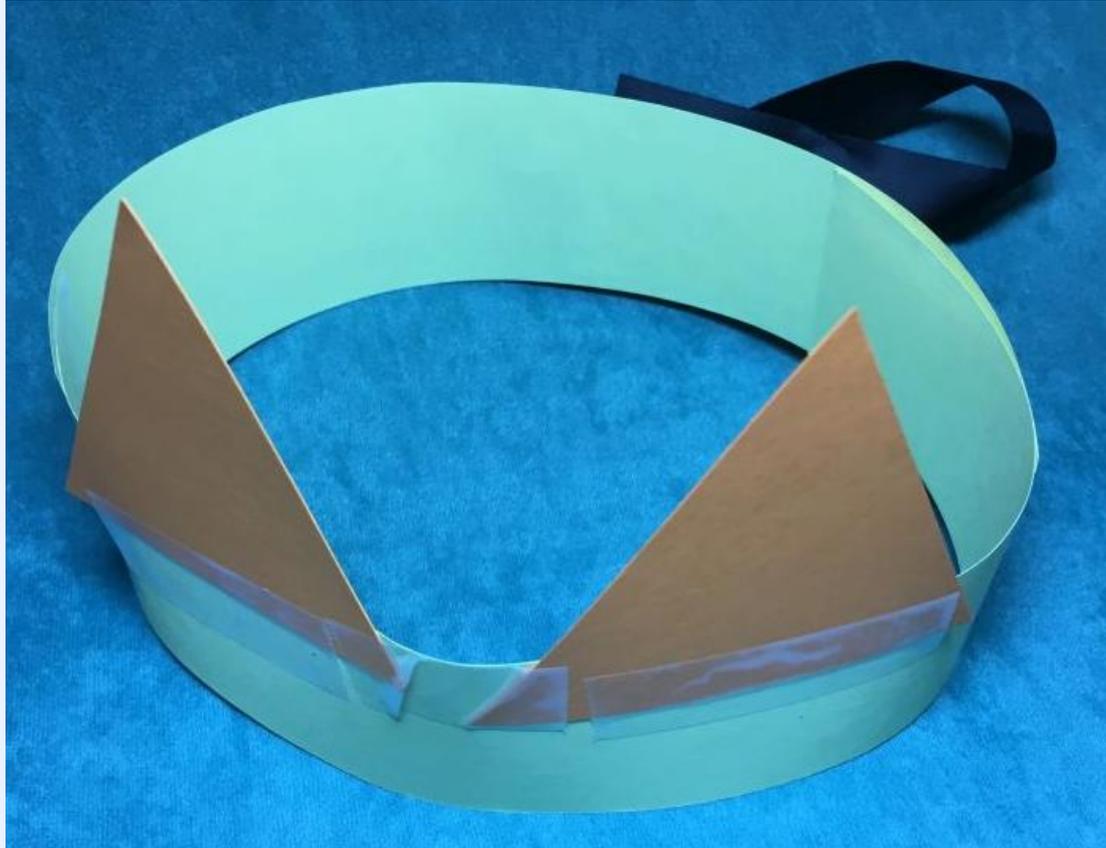
Bailey Jo Simpson
Seguin Public Library , Texas

Spider Weaving



Wearable Crafts

Animal Headbands





Wearable Crafts

Silly Paper Hats



Wearable Crafts

Open Face Masks

- Bear
- Rabbit
- Santa
- Lion

<https://www.danyabanya.com/lion-mask-craft/>



Wearable Crafts

Alligator Tails



Ann Miner - Austin Public Library, Texas

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Edible Crafts

Teeth

- Apple slices
- Nut butter
- Marshmallows



Bridgette Broom
Lamar County Library System, Mississippi

Art - Drawing

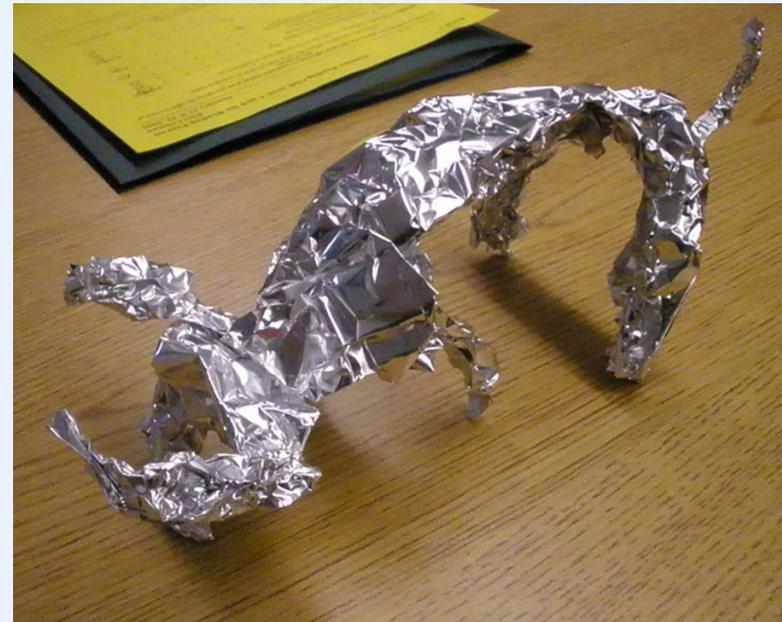


“The honeybee is going to sting the monster really hard so he will go in a deep sleep.”

“The urge to draw must be quite deep within us, because children love to do it”

David Hockney

Foil Animals or Sculptures



Art

Bleeding Tissue Paper

- Tissue paper
- Sprayed water





Art

Puppets or Creatures



Art

Cork Prints



Art

Cotton Ball and Fork Painting



Craft Storage



Craft Storage



Tips and Challenges

What do you do when a parent takes over?

What about showing samples?

What to do when a child says “I can’t do that. Will you do that for me?”

Let children know it is OK to make whatever they want.

Words of encouragement based on effort not judgment.

Questions?

I would LOVE to
come to your library!

For performances
and workshops
please refer to my
flyer.



Thank You!

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